

**Mental Health Planning Council  
Children's Services Subcommittee  
Minutes  
June 20, 2007**

**Attendance:** Ken Moore, Becky Currin, Heather Wiltberger,  
New members—Dawn Girard, Alison Hymes

**Chair:** Vicki Hardy-Murrell

**Called to order:** 3:20pm

**Old Business:** 1. Discussed feasibility of meeting schedules—Vicki suggested moving to another date and time in lieu of following the Mental Health Planning Council. The thoughts are that having two meetings back-to-back makes for a long day, verses having another day spent traveling for a meeting. This in attendance preferred changing our subcommittee meeting to another day, with the idea of it not always being in Richmond.  
Plan: Becky is to look into conference room availability at VOPA, will obtain a few dates that it's available and send to Vicki Hardy-Murrell, who will then send these dates out to the subcommittee to choose the best date for the next meeting.

2. New members: Welcome to Dawn Girard and Alison Hymes! Also discussed potential new members—Becky suggested Vinnie, a new member to the MHPC. All agreed.  
Plan: Becky to contact Vinnie and ask if he is interested.

**New Business:** 1. Lack of Services for Children and Youth:  
Discussion revolved around:

Availability of services in general—the numbers of those in need of services are increasing while the services available are decreasing----Why? And more importantly, why are some CSB's not providing MH services for children/youth, or if they are, it may not be a full array of services?  
Plan: Becky is to look into data available related to numbers of clients in need versus services available—will get data from Voices for VA's Children, will also look into the number of CSB's with full MH services versus those without. Vicki is to obtain data regarding the numbers of youth in Residential Treatment Centers—will check with OCS and/or JLARC report for data. Heather is to look into other states who are successful, for information regarding their programs and services----will look into AZ, TN, MA, NH, WV, and possibly CA, NY, PA, SC and WS.

Accountability----Why is this not in place and how can it be put in place? Ideas expressed were around incentives as opposed to punishment, getting the Board of Directors at the CSB's more involved and aware, internal audits, and regional versus local programs—combine funding to increase services.

Plan: Subcommittee to continue to discuss this issue, will look into it further once above information is obtained.

2. Foster Care Prevention/Custody Relinquishment: Vicki updated the group regarding the work being done by the statewide stakeholder group, regarding this issue, with input from Becky. Also garnered support from the group regarding advocacy efforts in this area, on behalf of families. Plan: Becky and Vicki to continue advocating for children/youth and families. Dawn and Heather have offered to become involved in some workgroups that have been established out of the stakeholder group, namely the care coordinators workgroup and the parental agreement workgroup. Vicki is to pass their contact info on to the chairs of these groups.

**Meeting adjourned:** 4pm

**Next meeting date:** TBS based on availability at VOPA and attendees schedules